

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 2 in accordance with the following:

Claim 1-6 (cancelled)

Claim 7 (previously presented): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a surface light source device;
a unified composite optical element comprising:
 a polarization film; and
 a prismatic light control element having projection rows facing the surface light source device, the prismatic light control element being formed directly on one face of the polarization film such that together, the polarization film and the prismatic light control element form the unified composite optical element ; and
 a liquid crystal display panel formed adjacent to the unified composite optical element with the polarization film facing the liquid crystal display panel,
 wherein the surface light source device and the projection rows of the prismatic light control element are separated by a distance of 0.5 to 1 mm.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (previously presented) A liquid crystal display device, comprising:
a surface light source device;
a unified composite optical element comprising:
 a polarization film;
 a polarization separating sheet which transmits light components having a first polarization plane and reflects light components having a second polarization plane perpendicular to the first polarization plane; and
 a prismatic light control element having projection rows facing the surface light

source device, the polarization separating sheet being interposed between the polarization film and the prismatic light control element,

such that together, the polarization film, the polarization separating sheet and the prismatic light control element form the unified composite optical element with the prismatic light control element serving as one face of the composite optical element, and

a liquid crystal display panel formed adjacent to the unified composite optical element with the polarization film of the unified composite optical element facing the liquid crystal display panel

wherein the surface light source device and the projection rows of the prismatic element are separated by a distance of 0.5 to 1 mm.

Claim 10 (cancelled)